(b) On 1.6.1991, Cessna 152A aircraft of Delhi Flying Club was engaged in coal flying at Safdarjung Airport. The pilot, after successfully completing two circuits and landings, took off and after completing the circuit, the pilot decided to go around when the right wing of the aircraft hit a tree and the left undercarriage hit the lamp post on the flyover. The aircraft crashed on the flyover and sustained substantial damage. Both occupants on board escaped unhurt. The DGCA has appointed the Inspector of Accidents under Rule 71 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 to investigate the accident. His report is awaited.

(c) Only one other accident took place on 23rd March, 1989 which was caused due to pilot's departure from accepted procedure.

(d) Adequate safety measures are taken to ensure safe operation of flying club aircraft and gliders from Safdarjung Airport.

(e) None in view of (d) above.

Construction of international terminal building at Calcutta Airport

70. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of new international terminal building at the Calcutta Airport is going to be completed; and

(b) whether there has been any agreement for introduction of new international flights through Calcutta airport; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The new Terminal is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, 1993.

(b) On 14.1.1988, there was an agreement with Bhutan for five services per week to Calcutta. Jordan had an agreement on 19-5-1988 for a weekly service to Calcutta. Romania made an agreement on 5-12-1990 for twice weekly service between Bucharest and Calcutta.

Operation of air services by Private Airlines

71. SRHI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private airlines have been permitted to launch air services in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with particular reference to its impact on the national economy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Under the Air Taxi Guidelines in force private sector parties can operate air transport services within the country. The aircraft to be imported for such operation should be procured by the party with NRI resources and no foreign exchange will be made available by the Government for this purpose.

(b) so far, 6 operators have taken Operating Permits and another 18 have been given No Objection Certificates.

Such private sector participation in air transport services will generate more tourists earnings and lessen the need for public sector investment in this area.

Accidents in ECL Collieries

72. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents involving surface structures taking place in Eastern Coalfield Ltd. collieries are often becoming fatal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?